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**Niagara Falls Boulevard Site-OSC Daly/OSC Pellegrino/OSC Lisichenko**

**From July 12, 2017 through August 13, 2017 the following tasks/events occurred:**

From July 12 through July 28, 2017 Weston conducted HPGe analysis on leftover slag/soil sample bags/jars from the NFB assessment work. Weston organized and weighed 427 soil/slag samples in preparation for disposal.

On July 13, 2017, OSC Daly informed all site property representative, local, county and state agency that the removal activities at the Niagara County Sites will discontinue until at least Spring 2018 due to EPA Removal Program funding limitation.

On July 17, 2017, an additional \$50,000.00 was authorized and added to mitigation funding for Task Order 23 with Guardian Environmental Solutions. The new Task Order ceiling is \$2,650,000 once authorized.

EPA, Weston, and GES mobilized to the site from July 31 through August 11, 2017 to perform the following activities:

- The HPGe instrument was disassemble and transported by Health Physicist Kappelman to EPA Edison, NJ Warehouse for storage.
- Blending calculations of 427 soil/slag samples were performed by Health Physicist Nguyen.
- One 1.5 cubic yard super sack of leftover slag/soil sample bags/jars and one 1.5 cubic yard super sack was loaded into a box truck and transported to US Ecology in Michigan for final disposal.
- Completion of Area 5 by relocating remaining trees and bordering the west side of Area 5 with pressure treated timbers.
- Repairing of Area 7 fencing.
- Grading and asphalt installation of Southeast pit (from previous water line break) of Rapids Bowling Alley.
- Filling in all pot holes throughout the parking lot with asphalt.
- Specific slag types were identified by Health Physicist Nguyen and shipped out by Weston for analytical analysis (radiological/metals).
- Electric shut down of all four office trailers.
- All storage containers and office trailers were emptied, cleaned, gamma survey and swiped. All containers were cleared for radiation and removal off site.
- Relocation of Rapid Bowling Alley materials from storage Conex Box to GNBC Warehouse #3.
- Demobilization of two Conex Boxes and all four office trailers.
- All EPA, Weston, and GES equipment was transported off site.

Public Affairs Officer, Mike Basile, visited the site. Reporter Dan Telvock discussed Niagara County Site status with OSC Daly and Mike Basile via phone interview. Mike Basile will work with Public Affairs Office with any future media requests during this inactive phase.

EPA's Buffalo/Niagara Area On-Scene Coordinator, Peter Lisichenko, will periodically inspect the control measures at each Niagara County Site during this inactive phase.

**Response Actions to Date**

To date, approximately 107 tons of material has been removed from the GNBC Front Office Area and approximately 4,442.07 tons of material (which includes the low concentration/background material) has been excavated from Area 5.

Approximately, 2.25 tons of leftover soil/slag sample material from NFB assessment work was shipped off site to US Ecology in Michigan during this time range which completes the disposal of all the excavated material. In total, approximately 4,576.07 tons of material has been shipped to US Ecology in Michigan.

**Anticipated Activities:**

EPA activities at the Niagara Falls Boulevard site have been suspended for the time being due to the uncertainty with the current budget situation. Funding to complete all of the work, rather than incremental funding, is preferred in order to avoid shutdown and start-up costs, security costs and other maintenance costs that would accrue in between periods of work. Demobilization of the site was completed on August 11, 2017. EPA anticipates returning to the NFB Site for removal work in Spring 2018 at the earliest.

USEPA has been coordinating with NYS, Niagara County, and local representatives throughout the assessment/removal process.

**Planned Response Activities**

There are no planned response activities at this time.

**Next Steps**

Review analytical data.  
Estimate updated total excavation and removal costs.  
Enforcement research.

**Issues**

Lack of Removal Program Funding.

**Holy Trinity Cemetery Site-OSC Daly/OSC Lisichenko****From July 11, 2017 through August 13, 2017 the following tasks/events occurred:**

On July 11, 2017, Weston finished analyzing a total of 186 HTC soil/slag samples via the HPGe.

On July 13, 2017, OSC Daly informed all site property representative, local, county and state agency that the removal activities at the Niagara County Sites will discontinue until at least Spring 2018 due to EPA Removal Program funding limitation.

On July 17, 2017, Weston shipped out 208 soil/slag samples to the certified lab for analysis.

On August 4, 2017, OSC Daly met up with Area 6 & 7 property owners.

On August 7, 2017, OSC Daly & OSC Lisichenko, and GES went to HTC to mark out fence corners with stakes in designated GPS locations within Areas 2 & 4. OSCs met with an attorney for HTC property owners and the cemetery caretaker. OSC Daly also met with Area 5 property owner

On August 9, 2017, Reporter Dan Telvock discussed Niagara County Site status with OSC Daly and Mike Basile via phone interview. Mike Basile will work with Public Affairs Office with any future media requests during this inactive phase.

On August 14, 2017, GES fencing sub-contractor started fence installation in Areas 2 & 4.

EPA's Buffalo/Niagara Area On-Scene Coordinator, Peter Lisichenko, will periodically inspect the control measures at each Niagara County Site during this inactive phase.

**Anticipated Activities:**

EPA activities at the Niagara County Sites have been suspended for the time being due to the uncertainty with the current budget situation. Funding to complete all of the work, rather than incremental funding, is

preferred in order to avoid shutdown and start-up costs, security costs and other maintenance costs that would accrue in between periods of work.

Two identified piles of slag within Areas 2 and 4 will be fenced by August 18, 2017.

EPA anticipates returning to Niagara County site work in Spring 2018 at the earliest.

USEPA has been coordinating with NYS, Niagara County and local representatives throughout the assessment/removal process.

### **Planned Response Activities**

There are no planned response activities at this time.

### **Next Steps**

Review analytical data.

Enforcement research.

Action Memo Finalization.

### **Issues**

Lack of Removal Program Funding.

### **738 Upper Mountain Road Site, Lewiston, NY-OSC Daly/OSC Lisichenko**

OSC Daly and HP Nguyen were requested by RPB/RAB Management to review Pre-Remedial data and other historical data to determine if further assessment and potential removal action is warranted. This property was referred to USEPA from New York State and exhibits similar radiological contamination characteristics as the Niagara Falls Boulevard Site and Holy Trinity Cemetery Site (Also in Lewiston, NY).

On November 09, 2016, OSC Daly and 2 Weston personnel deployed to Steelworks Industrial Park Fire response and the Dan Telvock interview postponed.

On November 18, 2016, OSC Daly and Weston conducted soil sampling at 738 UMR Site.

On December 06, 2016, the on-site HPGe soil sampling analysis was complete.

On December 07, 2016, soil samples were shipped to certified fix laboratory.

On December 09, 2016, Reporter Dan Telvock conducted phone interview with OSC Daly.

On December 14, 2016, Reporter Dan Telvock conducted phone interview with EPA Public Official, Michael Basile.

On February 02, 2017, Reporter Dan Telvock conducted phone interview with EPA Health Physicist, Lyndsey Nguyen (Daly, Basile, & Rodriguez also on call).

On February 09, 2017, Dan Telvock Investigative Reporter news broadcast was aired.

On February 23, 2017, the preliminary soil sample results from the fixed laboratory were received.

On June 27, 2017, the soil sample results table was received from Weston.

On June 29, 2017, preliminary PRG calculations started.

On July 13, 2017, OSC sent email regarding status of Niagara County Sites to property owners, local & state agencies.

On August 08, 2017, OSC Daly contacted resident at 738 UMR site to schedule gamma survey and radon canister sampling. Property attorney was also contacted.

On August 9, 2017, Reporter Dan Telvock discussed Niagara County Site status with OSC Daly and Mike Basile via phone interview. Mike Basile will work with Public Affairs Office with any future media requests during this inactive phase.

On August 11, 2017, OSC Daly, HP Nguyen, & Weston conducted gamma survey of interior home. There were no elevated gamma readings above background. The radon specialist placed radon canisters throughout the home. Pick up scheduled for 08/14/2017.

On August 14, 2017, OSC Daly, Weston, and radon specialist picked up radon canisters from the residence. The canisters were shipped to the laboratory.

**Anticipated Activities:**

Pick up radon canisters at resident home.  
Review radon data.  
Run PRG calculations.

**Planned Response Activities**

There are no planned response activities at this time.

**Next Steps**

Determine removal eligibility.

**Issues**

None